

PETER LYNCH.

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Mr. KYLE, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

ADVERSE REPORT.

[To accompany S. 370.]

Your committee, to whom was referred the bill (S. 370) granting an increase of pension to Peter Lynch, late of Company A, First United States Infantry, and of Company E, Seventh United States Infantry, have carefully considered all of the evidence on file in the case and report:

The proposed beneficiary enlisted January 11, 1855, in Company E, Seventh Regiment United States Infantry, and was discharged March 31, 1861; reenlisted December 31, 1862, in Company H, Kansas Cavalry; discharged therefrom December 5, 1864; reenlisted June 19, 1867; discharged June 19, 1870; reenlisted June 20, 1870; discharged June 27, 1875; reenlisted September 6, 1876, and was discharged September 11, 1880.

The evidence shows that the claimant drew a pension of \$2 per month from April 1, 1861, but was dropped from the pension roll by reason of his enlistment in 1862. Immediately upon his final discharge, September, 1880, he was granted a pension (September 28, 1880) of \$8 per month, and this was later increased to \$16 per month from October 29, 1884. This amount was again increased to \$24 per month from February 3, 1886, and, upon further application, the claimant's pension was increased to \$36 per month from May 8, 1889, which amount he is now receiving.

A further increase was asked, but rejected May 16, 1894, by the Pension Bureau.

Your committee have carefully considered all of the testimony submitted in this case, together with the reports of boards of examining surgeons who have from time to time examined the claimant, and as a result thereof feel unwarranted in saying that, in their judgment, the claimant is fairly entitled to receive an increase of the sum now allowed—\$36 per month.

Therefore your committee recommend indefinite postponement of the bill.